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For: IDENTIFICATION AND )  
CHARACTERIZATION OF RACEMASES, )  
DEFINITION OF PROTEIN SIGNATURES, )  
AND A TEST FOR DETECTING D-AMINO )  
ACID AND FOR SCREENING )  
MOLECULES CAPABLE OF INHIBITING )  
THE ACTIVITY OF RACEMASE, )  
ESPECIALLY PROLINE RACEMASE )

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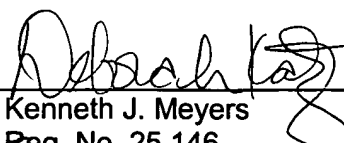
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